economic and social development of Baiga tribe;

(b) what are the developmental works undertaken;

(c) whether any monitoring has been done in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that the quality of construction work undertaken, by the Authority was very poor; and

(e) if so, whether a high powered committee would be constituted to go into the working of the Baiga Development Authority, Dindori, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (e) Government of Madhya Pradesh has been asked to furnish the requisite information. On receipt of the same the reply will be placed on the table of the House.

Post-Retirement Schemes for the Aged

1442. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to involve voluntary organisations to take care of the aged;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also propose to prepare schemes for post-retirement employment for the aged ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Since 1983-84, the Ministry of Welfare has been giving financial assistance to voluntary organisations working in the field of welfare of the aged. Under the 8th five year plan, a new Plan Scheme has been launched in 1992-93 called "Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to the Aged".

(b) During the last two financial y^ars the number of organisations covered uder this scheme rose from *78* to 126, and the expenditure incurred showed an increase from Rs. 78 lakhs to Rs. 106 lakhs.

(c) The schemes implemented by the Ministry of Welfare do not provide for post-retirement employment for the aged.

Financial Assistance to States Implementing Prohibition

1443. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to prohibit sale of arrack in the State from 1st October, 1993;

(b) whether the Central Government propose to advise other State Governments to follow suit; and

(c) if so, whether the Central Government would extend financial assistance to the States implementing prohibition to make good their losses in revenue ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prohibition being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to follow suit.

(c) No, Sir.